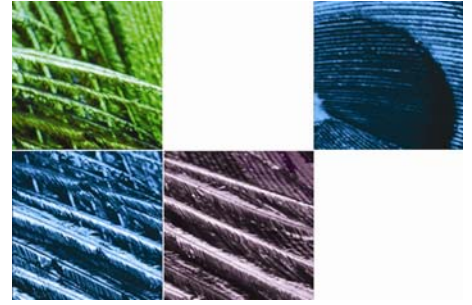


Investment governance

What should trustees be considering?



Trustees and pensions managers are often faced with governing increasingly complex investment arrangements as many schemes review and change their investment strategies. However often investment governance does not keep pace with the complexities of the new investment arrangements.

The Code of Practice on Internal Controls states that ‘the assessment of risk and the attention given to internal controls are seen as important features of good governance’. This applies equally to the investment governance as to other areas and investment governance should therefore necessitate greater trustee attention where there are changes in investment strategy.

In addition, new requirements have been published on accounting for pension schemes and one key area of change is the disclosure and valuation of derivative contracts.

How we can help you

Our expertise in investment accounting and assurance and our involvement in the Pensions Research Accountant Group Derivatives Working Party, means that we are ideally placed to help trustees and pensions managers in what can seem a very complex area. We can assist trustees and pension managers as set out below:

- undertaking an investment risk review, including considering the controls in place to mitigate those risks
- gaining assurance that no funds have gone missing following an investment transaction
- undertaking a control review in specific investment areas
- accounting for derivative investments following the new SORP requirements.

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